

ORWIGSBURG HAPPENINGS

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BOROUGH OF ORWIGSBURG, PA

February 2014

Community Interest Abounds on Borough Council

New Faces, New Officers to Lead Orwigsburg

Every two years Orwigsburg's registered voters decide who will help guide the borough's future by electing Borough Council candidates to a four-year term. So as not to shake the leadership too severely, roughly one half of the seven-member board reach the end of their term at each biennial Municipal Election. Voters choose a mayor every four years.

Three familiar leaders who have served our community with unselfish dedication over multiple terms decided this past year to not seek reelection. No longer holding elected office is former borough council president Michele Rudloff, councilman Steve Zimmerman, and mayor Austin Scandiber.

In their place are three capable and dedicated community servants. Elected by the voters in November to four-year terms, Darle Cresswell and Angela "Angie" Solga will serve on borough council. Former councilman Barry Berger was elected mayor of Orwigsburg, which required him to resign from his position on the Borough Council.

That vacancy required the remaining six council persons to seek and interview candidates with one being appointed to complete the number of office holders. At a special meeting held January 23, David Rubright was selected to fill the vacancy. He was sworn into office and seated at the council table on February 5.

Orwigsburg Happenings is an ideal way to let you "meet" the newest members of Borough Council that will help guide the future of our town.

Darle Cresswell

Darle graduated from Blue Mountain High School and attended Penn State University. He has served the community as a coach, a volunteer in many endeavors, and has been actively involved in local government as a member of the Orwigsburg Borough Council and the Blue Mountain Recreation Commission.

Over the years, Darle has coached Little League and junior high basketball. As a councilman, he chaired the insurance, water and sewer committees.

Darle serves as management team chairman for



2014 Orwigsburg Borough Officials and Council – Seated from left, Sherry Edwards, secretary; Barry Berger, mayor; Buddy Touchinsky, council president; Susan Murphy, council vice president; Michael Lonergan, borough manager; standing, council members Paul Bedway Jr., David Rubright, Edward Mady, Darle Cresswell, and Angela Solga.

Faith Worship Center, Orwigsburg. Born in Virginia and raised in Schuylkill County, Darle resides in Orwigsburg with his wife of 39 years.

Angie Hoptak-Solga

The daughter of David and Colleen Hoptak of Orwigsburg, Angie Solga graduated from Blue Mountain High School and gained a Bachelor of Science from Gettysburg College and Master of Science from Villanova University, both degrees specializing in biology.

In 2008, Angie received her doctorate degree, a PhD in Cell and Molecular Biology from Lehigh University. She is currently an assistant professor of

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Meet Your Newest Borough Council Members

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biology at Kutztown University, manages the biology department website, and serves on the BIO10 committee.

In her leisure time, she enjoys learning about history, making arts and crafts, playing softball and tennis, and spending time with family. Angie is married to Greg Solga. The couple has one child, a 3-½ year old daughter named Mary.

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Council Vice President..... Susan Murphy
Borough Manager..... Michael Lonergan
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Solicitor..... Frank Tamulonis
Borough Engineers..... ARRO Consulting, Inc.
Entech Engineering, Inc.
Hanover Engineering Assoc., Inc.
Fire Chief..... Dave Hardinger

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Angela Hoptak-Solga

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Orwigsburg Borough Council meets the First and Second Wednesday of each month beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, second floor of the Orwigsburg Municipal Building, 209 North Warren Street.

Both meetings are open to the public. A Work Session for discussions and setting of an agenda takes place on the First Wednesday each month. The Business Meeting is then held on the Second Wednesday.

David Rubright

David Rubright was born in Cressona and attended Cressona Elementary School, graduated from Clearwater (Florida) High School and earned a Bachelors Degree from the University of Chicago. Dave spent his entire career in the transportation industry and retired in 2005 after selling a multi-state medical courier company started by him and his wife, Stacy.

Dave and Stacy have two daughters and one son. The couple moved from Florida to Orwigsburg to enjoy the change of seasons and be closer to family members. Dave is active with the Orwigsburg Business and Professional Association. He and Stacy served on the Orwigsburg Bicentennial Committee and were instrumental in producing a DVD – titled “Orwigsburg 2013” – promoting the past, present, and future of the our borough for the 200th year anniversary last year.



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Single-Stream Recycling

○ *Circled days indicate biweekly curbside recycling*

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Shaded days are trash collection days

Tuesdays – Market Street and north; Fridays – south of Market Street

Large item collection, once per month

Convenient, single-stream curbside recycling is available to residents every two weeks on the designated trash pickup day. Recyclables should be separated from other household trash and placed in the container provided by the Borough and Kreitzer Sanitation, or in a container of the property owner's choice clearly designated for recycling.

Single-stream recycling means items can be co-mingled in one container/recycle bin without the need for separation.

Materials for recycling are collected curbside every two weeks on your designated trash pickup day (see calendar schedule above). Simply place your



recycling bin beside your other trash containers and yard waste.

Use the following guidelines to prepare recyclables for pickup:

- Newspapers and mixed paper should be bundled or placed in a paper or clear plastic bag in order to keep them secure.
- Cardboard should be flattened and bundled.
- Take steps to ensure paper, cardboard and plastic, etc. do not blow around to neighboring properties or streets.
- Glass food and beverage containers are recyclable and include items such as glass soda, beer, wine, liquor, ketchup or juice bottles, and glass food containers. Metal caps and lids should be removed, but labels can remain.

R&J TOURS – 2014 HAPPENINGS

Mar 1 – "Sister Act" @ Hershey Theatre (Matinee).....	\$91
Mar 2 – Philadelphia Flower Show (departs 7 am)	\$59
Mar 4 – Phila. Flower Show + Lunch on Moshulu (departs 8:45 am).....	\$94
Mar 5 – Philadelphia Flower Show (North Pickups) (departs 7 am)	\$62
Mar 8 – Philadelphia Flower Show (departs 6:30 am)	\$59
Mar 11-13 – Resorts Casino \$30FSP / 2-Buffer / Add'l FSP TBA	\$142 p/p dbl
Mar 12 – "Weekend Comedy" @ Rainbow Dinner Theatre	\$74
Mar 14 – Kingston Trio / The Brothers Four / Tom Paxton @ AMT	\$74
Mar 15 – The Oak Ridge Boys @ AMT	\$68
Mar 19 – "Caught in the Net" @ Dutch Apple Dinner Theatre	\$68
Mar 22 – New York City Free Day	\$37
Mar 29 – Washington DC Free Day	\$41
Mar 30 – Harrah's Phila Casino & Live Harness Racing (\$50 FSP).....	\$33
Apr 3 – Odyssey Cherry Blossom Lunch Cruise & Memorials	\$119
Apr 5 – "Cinderella" on Broadway	\$174
Apr 5 – Disney on Ice "Princesses and Heroes" @ Giant Center	\$42
Apr 19 – Jerry Blavat "Down Memory Lane" @ Kimmel Center.....	\$105
Apr 27-28 – West Point / "Ten Tenors" / Boscobel / Brotherhood Winery...\$319 p/p dbl	
June 13 – Danny O'Donnell @ Santander Performing Arts Center	\$88
Nov 29-Dec 3 – Smoky Mountain Christmas in Pigeon Forge, TN	\$670 p/p dbl

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- Glass items such as mirrors, ceramic cups and plates, crystal, clay flower pots, light bulbs, window glass, drinking glass and heat-resistant ovenware are NOT recycled by glass container plants and should not be mixed in with container glass.
- Aluminum beverage cans should be rinsed and crushed. Steel cans need only be rinsed. Leave labels in place.
- Plastic soda bottles and milk jugs should also be rinsed and crushed.
- Be considerate of the streetscape view in your neighborhood; store your recycling container to the side or back of your property or residence.

After following these instructions, combine all materials in one recycling container and place curbside after 6 p.m. the evening before pickup. Recyclables must be in their special container separate from household trash because a separate collection truck is used.


Given the convenience of single-stream recycling, the number of occupants in your household, and the volume collected for recycling, residents may find the need for a smaller or larger container. The borough has two sizes available.

Contact the Borough Office at 366-3103 during phone office hours 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday to arrange for a different recycling container or for additional information.



Single-Stream Recycling



Yes



No

 Plastic Containers #1 through #7 (No Styrofoam)	 Aluminum, Steel & Tin Containers	 Glass Bottles & Containers
 Newspapers *bundle or place in paper bag	 Corrugated Cardboard & Boxboard	 Mixed Paper
 Paper Towels, Facial Tissue & Toilet Tissue	 Plastic Bags & Packaging	 Wax-Coated Paper Drink Containers
	 Food & Wet Waste	 Paper, Plastic & Styrofoam Serving Items

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Fire police

The Orwigsburg Fire Police remind all drivers that the Pennsylvania "Steer Clear" law requires all drivers approaching or passing an emergency response area, unless otherwise directed by an emergency service responder, shall (1) pass in a lane not adjacent to the emergency response area, if possible; or (2) if passing in a nonadjacent lane is impossible, illegal, or unsafe, pass the emergency response area at a careful and prudent reduced speed.

An emergency response area may be indicated by emergency lights on authorized vehicles, road flares, caution signs or any other traffic-control devices that may be put out. It is the area in which emergency service responders such as police, fire, rescue, EMS, towing and highway maintenance give emergency assistance to individuals, on or near a roadway, or a police officer is conducting a traffic stop or systematic check of vehicles. Please help keep them safe.

Fire police wanted

Special fire police officers are empowered to regulate traffic, control crowds, and possess limited police authority to prevent interference with firefighting operations.



Officers are members of and operate under the rules of the fire company and under the direction of the police.

Officers must complete training and adhere to professional standards, be a minimum of 18 years of age, and pass a criminal background check. Duties include directing traffic around the scene of a fire or other type of emergency, providing protection for the emergency responders and the general public at the scene of an emergency, providing crowd control to prevent their injury by interference to emergency responders, protecting private property, assisting police when dispatched for traffic control and other situations, at times directing traffic at parades and special events, and dispatched to assist with other fire police who are short of manpower.

New members are always needed. For more information, call (570) 366-2473.

In need of health aids?

Are you or a loved one in need of any of these items to aid in recovery from illness or surgery?

- Wheelchair
- Walker – stationary & folding
- Hospital bed – manual & electric
- Cane – single and multi-legged
- Crutches
- Shower seat
- Bedside commode/bedpan
- Over-toilet seat with handrails
- Temporary tub hand rail
- Recliner chair with auto-lift seat



The Orwigsburg Lions' "Health Equipment Loan Program" provides these items to local residents at no charge as a community service. To arrange a loan, call Walt Schimpf (570) 366-0784 or (570) 449-0659.

Fishing Rodeo

The 24th annual Orwigsburg Children's Fishing Rodeo will be held Saturday and Sunday, May 10-11 this year for children 15 and under. Fisher's Dam will be stocked with over 500 fish and there will be prizes for tagged fish. Each child participating will receive a hot dog and drink. The existence of this rodeo relies on donations from community members and local businesses. Anyone interested in more information can contact the OCFR committee at (570) 294-8978.

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Help for property tax and rent

Pennsylvania's Property Tax/Rent Rebate program for 2013 is now available, reports state Rep. Jerry Knowles. Application forms are available at his district offices and also at Orwigsburg Borough Hall.

Eligible renters and homeowners can receive a rebate of up to \$650 based on their rent or property taxes paid in 2013. The program benefits eligible state residents who are 65 years or older, widows and widowers 50 years or older, and those 18 years or older with disabilities. Income levels dictate the maximum amount rebate allowed.

The program is one of many initiatives supported by the Pennsylvania Lottery, that dedicates its proceeds to support programs for older state residents. Applications are due by June 30.

Forms can be obtained from Orwigsburg Borough Hall, Rep. Knowles' Tamaqua office at 237 W. Broad St., by calling (570) 668-1240, or through www.RepKnowles.com.

Help the food pantry

The Orwigsburg Area Food Pantry, housed at St. John's UCC, is in need of non-perishable food

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items. All items can be dropped off at the pantry on Tuesdays from 12 to 1 p.m. or at St. John's Church office Monday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Friday from 9 a.m. to noon.

Give the gift of life

St. John's UCC, 232 East Market St., will host a Miller Keystone Blood Center blood drive on Thursday, Feb. 27 from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. in its Fellowship Center. Miller Keystone supplies blood to Schuylkill County hospitals. Blood supplies are low this time of year. One pint could save up to three lives. Walk-ins are welcome.

Refuse collection

The Borough contracts with Kreitzer Sanitation for weekly collection of refuse. Curbside collection is every Tuesday for properties on Market Street and north and every Friday for properties south of Market Street.

The Borough has adopted the International Property Maintenance Code, which requires refuse kept outdoors to be stored in a leak-proof container with a close-fitting cover.



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Large item disposal

One large item may be placed at the curb beside your regular trash once per month.

Regular trash consists of up to six bags of garbage and up to ten bags of leaves. Residents should place trash at the curb any time after 6 p.m. on evenings prior to collection. Because pickup times vary, do not wait until the morning of collection to place garbage.

Construction materials (shingles, drywall, cabinets, insulation, etc.) may not be placed at the curb with your regular trash. You must get a dumpster which can be leased from the borough's trash collector, Kreitzer Sanitation at (570) 366-6360.

Recycling electronics

The Covered Device Recycling Act of 2010 prohibits landfill disposal of desktop computers, laptop computers, computer monitors, computer peripherals and televisions. If these items are placed on the curb for pickup, Kreitzer Sanitation will not take them. Schuylkill County will accept the items for recycling during its annual fall cleanup at various locations

Month	Tues.	Fri.
Feb.	11	14
March	11	14
April	8	11
May	13	16

LARGE ITEM PICKUP DATES

throughout the county.

Residents may also take computers and components to Staples in Cressona. TVs up to 32 inches may be taken to Best Buy stores in Reading, Harrisburg and Wilkes-Barre.

Electronics recycling events are held periodically by the Schuylkill County Office of Solid Waste. When dates and locations are known they will be posted on the borough website and Facebook page.

Dumpster? You need a permit

Any resident that rents a dumpster and places it on the street is required to fill out a dumpster permit prior to dumpster delivery. Permits are available at the borough office at a cost of \$5. The permit is good for three weeks; another permit is required for additional time. Four (4) reflectors are required on each side of the dumpster, and dumpster wheels must be placed on 3/4" thick pieces of wood so as not to damage the road surface.

Help us help you

It shall be the responsibility of property owners in the Orwigsburg Borough to number their buildings. The number needs to be placed over/under each front

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door, or front transom bar or glass or front show window, over or on either side of the entrance or upon a permanent standard, base or support between building and street. The number is to be of paint, metal, enamel, plastic, or other weather resistant material and at least three inches in height, the color of the numbers to be in contrast to the immediate background, and shall be so placed as to be in full view and legible from the street. No numbers shall be covered with any sign, drapery, or other obstruction and all old numbers shall be removed when a new number is assigned.



Proper disposal of Old Glory

Used flags may be brought to the borough office for proper disposal. Place flags inside the designated mailbox-like container in front of the Borough building.

Request for cones

Cones are available for use from the Borough. A cone request form must be filled out and is available from the Borough office. Forty-eight hours notice must be given to allow



time to get the cones delivered to their location and signs to be made to be placed on the cones.

Albright's Woods

It is time to begin planning that spring or summer 2014 event. The pavilion at Albright's Woods is available for rent for your graduation party, family reunion or other event. Albright's Woods is located on Grove Street in Orwigsburg. The park has a pavilion with picnic tables and a kitchen available for use. Rental fee for the kitchen is \$75, \$25 of which is a returnable security deposit. If the kitchen is not needed, a \$25 fee is charged. For further details or to make a reservation to use the park in 2014, call the Borough office at (570) 366-3103.



Owner/tenant forms

Reminder to all landlords: Orwigsburg Borough Ordinance #396 requires that every owner/lessor of any apartment, house or other type of rental building shall register with the Borough every year. If any tenant moves from the dwelling during the year, the owner shall notify the Borough within thirty (30) days of said changes. Forms are available at the Borough office



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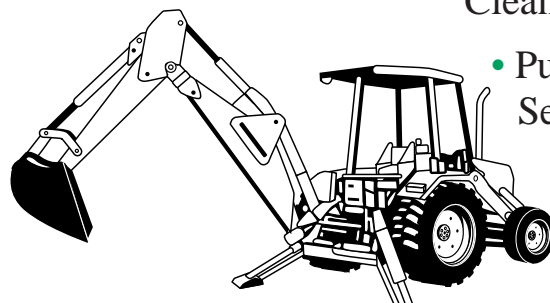
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In addition, landlords living in excess of 20 miles from the Borough must designate a local manager for the property. This individual must live within 10 miles of the borough.

Called snow emergency

In the event of a snow emergency, parking is restricted on streets designated and posted as "Snow Emergency Route."

When the mayor declares a snow emergency, parking will not be permitted on the even side of a designated route on even dates and the odd side on odd dates. Note there is no parking on either side of the Centre Square during a snow emergency.

If we have a current telephone number for you in our database, you will receive a telephone call with a pre-recorded message in the event of a snow emergency. You may also receive notifications via e-mail and text message.



If you have not already done so, add your contact information via the Swiftreach link on the home page of the borough website, www.orwigsburg.net.

Curb your animal

Borough Ordinance 299 prohibits pet owners from allowing their pets to defecate on another property without removing the feces from that property. Those violating this ordinance can be fined up to \$600.

Many residents take advantage of the parks and walking trail and are discouraged by the lack of consideration shown by some pet owners.



Utility bills

As this newsletter is being published, the due date for quarterly utility bills is fast approaching. It is the responsibility of all property owners to pay their bills in full by the due date printed on the invoice.

The Borough relies on these payments in order to meet the debt service and operating costs for the water, wastewater and sanitation services. If a bill is not paid after a short grace period, collection efforts will be initiated. If efforts to collect payments are unsuccessful, additional steps could include interruption of service and/or a lien placed on your property. Property owners are responsible for all costs incurred to collect past due obligations.

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To avoid these actions and additional costs, property owners must make payment arrangements with the Borough. Have accounts up to date or a payment arrangement in place by then to avoid loss of service.

Meter reading

Many water meters are read from a remote reading register attached to the building and connected to the meter. Borough Ordinance 310 requires these units be accessible to the Borough. Landscaping around your remote reading register needs to be maintained so as to not restrict free access.

Winter driving reminder

While winter scenes are appealing, winter storms present dangers that cannot be ignored, especially on our roads. For safety's sake:

- If you must drive in bad weather, allow extra time to reach your destination.
- If behind a snowplow, do not pass it unless a passing lane is available.
- If a snowplow is coming toward you, provide as much room as possible for it to get by. If able, dim your lights so the operator can see the street in front of the plow.



- Remember, if driving conditions are dangerous for your vehicle, they are also dangerous for the snowplow. Be patient and allow plow operators to complete their work.

Getting the word out

We use the borough website, www.orwigsburg.net, as a valuable tool to keep everyone informed about the happenings in the Borough. Our staff will keep the home page current with news on upcoming events and information on past events.



The website lists borough meeting schedules. Minutes from these meetings are posted after they have been reviewed and approved by the appropriate body. The Subdivision and Zoning codes are also available for all to view. Numerous forms are also available, including applications for Albright's Woods. Trash day pickup changes will be posted on the website.

The website also includes a link which allows all residents to enter their contact information into the borough's Swiftreach 911 emergency notification system. This site allows the Borough to notify residents via telephone, text message and e-mail of boil water advisories, weather emergencies or any other emergencies in a prompt manner. In 2013 we also used the

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Use the link on the website to access the Swiftreach website and provide us with your cell phone number and any other alternate contact information so you may be notified in the event of an emergency.

Links to other websites, such as the Lions Club, library, churches and fire company are available.

The Borough also takes advantage of social media to provide information. If you have not already done so, "like" the borough Facebook page and stay up-to-date on what is happening in your community. Emergency information can also be received via Twitter by following @OrwigsburgMgr.

Verizon Wireless lease

In 2012 Borough Council and Verizon Wireless signed an agreement allowing Verizon Wireless to mount communication antennas on the water tank located on Ridgeview Drive. Work on the antennas began in late October and the Borough is now receiving lease payments pursuant to the lease agreement. The agreement will provide monthly lease payments to the Borough for a minimum of 6 years and a maximum of 30 years.



The lease calls for an increase in the monthly payments each year. The antennas will not interfere with the operation of the Borough's water system and are an alternative source of funds to support Borough operations.

Master Gardeners

The Master Gardener program of the Penn State Cooperative Extension will offer two workshops in March, open to the public, to prepare for an enjoyable year of gardening.

On Saturday, March 8 a workshop will focus on soil health and vegetables from 9 to 11:30 a.m. and small fruit and brambles from 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. Both will focus on the home garden. Registration will be from 8:15 to 9 a.m. at a cost of \$10.

On Saturday, March 15, pollinators will be discussed from 9 to 10:15 a.m., dividing perennials from 10:30 to 11:45 a.m., and new flowers and shrubs for the home garden from noon to 1 p.m. Registration will be from 8:15 to 9 a.m. at a cost of \$10.

Participants signing up for both workshops will pay only \$15 total. Both workshops will be held at the

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News Submittals

Nonprofit and community organizations within the Borough are invited to submit news items for consideration. Written submittals must be received by Borough Manager Michael Lonergan in the borough offices, three weeks prior to the publication date.

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conference room at the cooperative extension office, 1202 Ag Center Drive off Rt. 901 (Gordon Nagle Trail), Pottsville.

Soil test kits and soil thermometers will be offered at a cost of \$10 and door prizes will be awarded.

A bus trip to the Brooklyn Botanic Garden, Brooklyn, NY on Wednesday, May 7 is open to the public. Contact the Penn State Cooperative Extension office at (570) 622-4225 for additional information and to reserve seats.



The Villas at Orwigsburg

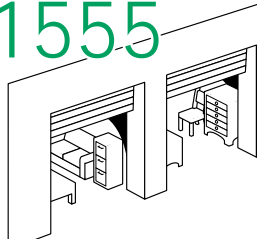
In 2013 Borough Council agreed to two minor changes to the plan for the townhouse development now known as The Villas at Orwigsburg. The development, consisting of 33 single family homes, is located on North Washington Street between Grove Street and Hope Avenue. Conditional final approval was given in April of 2009. Since then the project has been purchased by another entity and the Borough is working with the new owner to resolve the remaining conditions.

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Message from the Council President

The year 2014 brings many changes within the Borough. I am proud to serve as the new Borough Council president. Additionally, we welcome two



BUDDY TOUCHINSKY
Council President

new council members – Angie Hoptak-Solga and David Rubright. Also returning to Council after a six-year hiatus is Darle Cresswell. Barry Berger is our new mayor.

We say a reluctant goodbye and give our sincere thanks for many years of service to a few people. Steve Zimmerman served on Council for 20 years, doing a fine job in making sure that your tax dollars were

spent wisely. Michele Rudloff served eight years, with four of those as council president. Her achievements include helping bring curbside recycling to the Borough and ensuring borough support of the Veterans' Memorial Building.

Former mayor Austin Scandiber served in his position for 13 years. He was a great advocate for the people of our town and his presence at the meetings will be missed. No doubt all three will stay active in the community; when you see them, thank them for their dedicated service to our borough.

We also say goodbye to our long time water and sewer operator, Jesse Weiss. He's been with the Borough for 12 years. In my conversations with others that know how the plants run, it's evident that there are few people out there that could have managed our plants in a way to make them as efficient and reliable as they have been under Jesse's watch. We wish him the best in his new position.

Due to the efforts of the people mentioned above, their predecessors, and all of the residents of Orwigsburg, we find ourselves in a good position. Economically, things could always be better, but financially the Borough has remained in good shape throughout the sluggish economy. Some projects have been put on the back burner, and we've made some cuts in the budget to help weather the storm. As the economy continues to slowly rebound and we start to see new housing developments in and around

the Borough, we will evaluate our situation to make sure we continue to provide services and maintain the infrastructure our residents expect.

We want your participation in this ongoing evaluation process to develop short, medium, and long-term goals for the Borough. For the February work session, I asked Council and staff to work on a list of areas they would like to see us address over the next year. I ask all of you to do the same.

The Council focuses on the problems that are brought before us. Sometimes there may be an issue out there that we are not aware of or that we don't fully appreciate as being a major issue. We want to hear from you. It could be something as simple as, "every time it rains, the drain on my street backs up," to something more extravagant like, "I think we should have a public amphitheater for concerts."

The idea is to find out what is important to all concerned, and then create a prioritized list. Once that list is formulated we can focus on finding ways to accomplish these goals – our goals. So get those ideas to us by sending an e-mail to

orwigsburgboro@gmail.com

or drop off a typed or legibly written letter to the borough office.

Thank you in advance to all of those that provide input. Let's all work to continue to make Orwigsburg a great place to live and raise our families.

– Buddy Touchinsky, Council President

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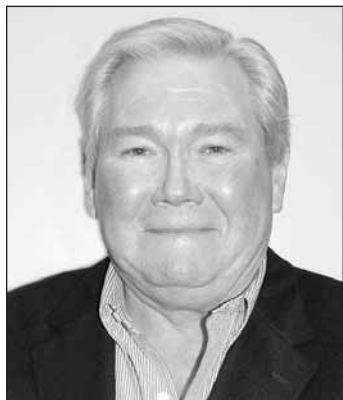
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Message from the Orwigsburg Mayor

As we enter Orwigsburg's third century of incorporated existence, I'm both honored and grateful to have the privilege to serve as Mayor.



BARRY J. BERGER
Mayor

Our bicentennial milestone offered the opportunity to look back on the heritage that formed our community as well as on the determination required to foster our prosperity. It also allowed us the context from which to consider the variety of cooperative efforts that will be necessary to guarantee that the future of Orwigsburg is as bright as its past.

Fortunately, many of our past and present citizens have generously volunteered their time and abilities to build and preserve this community. Our fire company, fire police, library, historical society, park and recreational assets, business development efforts and social assistance are all the result of voluntary contributions from many sources, whether as individuals, local businesses or through religious, service and goal-specific organizations.

We also enjoy the good fortune of a dedicated

borough staff that provides for the common needs of Orwigsburg. Our police department, maintenance department, water/sewer department, and borough office personnel join in a concerted effort to ensure the safe and efficient operation of the community.

The turn of the year brought a close to four decades of combined public service to Orwigsburg by three respected individuals. After eight years serving on Borough Council, President Michelle Rudloff will be focusing her leadership skills on, among other things, the challenges of parenting. Former mayor Austin Scandiber has provided thirteen years of tempered guidance to the Borough and our police department. Former councilman Steve Zimmerman's twenty years of financial advice has aided greatly in the fiscal stability of Orwigsburg. Please find the opportunity to thank each of them for their dedication.

Communities form for many possible reasons ... favorable geography, abundant resources, religious or ethnic ties, or maybe just by being the fifth day's ride out of colonial Philadelphia. Communities flourish when citizens realize that the same cooperation needed to provide the basic framework of local markets, infrastructure, security and mutual respect allows each of us the individual freedom to concentrate on our personal goals.

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– Barry J. Berger, Mayor



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Orwigsburg Business and Professional Assoc.

Now 75 members strong, 2013 was another successful year for OBPA with each monthly meeting gaining increased participation. "Square Time" events last year included Yappy Hour in May; Family Fun Night in June; Wine, Dine and Unwind in July; Glitz, and Glam & Rock 'n Roll in August. Heritage Day in September and the Festival of Lights in December rounded out the year.

For the Festival of Lights, the association held a Christmas wreath design contest with 17 participants. Congratulations to DiMaio's Mustard Seed for the best design and to Crystal's Dance School for taking second place. Other business contestants included PawPrints Pet Salon, The Arts Barn, CFM Commercial HVAC, Send Out Cards, M&T Bank, Blinds to Show, Looking Your Best, Divinely Designed Wigs, Angel Baby Ministries, Pioneer Farms, Orwigsburg Borough, Dr. Maribel Romero, ReCycle Sports and Vintage This Repurpose That.

One of the goals for 2013 was to raise funds for a "green" project in the community. Raised thus far, \$2,500 will be used as matching funds for a grant to assist the Bicentennial Committee with the lighting of Bicentennial Park at West Market and North Liberty streets. The OBPA executive committee met with representatives of the state Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) through its deputy secretary, Schuylkill County's own Champ Holman, to discuss grants to assist with the project.

OBPA is searching for a different corporate vehicle to deliver its programs and services to the business community. Affiliating with DCED may provide a greater opportunity to raise funds, obtain tax credits, restore façades and gain improvement loans and grants for community improvement.

Included in this project is a better definition of the downtown district to help with infrastructure improvements, business development and funding opportunities.

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Orwigsburg Area Free Public Library

Happy New Year! The Orwigsburg area library starts the New Year by saying "Thank You" to all of its supporters. With the community's continued involvement, the library has become a whirlwind of activities!

Looking forward in 2014, the board of trustees and the library staff hope to continue providing services, programs and clubs that appeal to our broad range of patrons. Do you have a talent or interest? Come share it at the library!

Some reoccurring events at the library include Children's Story Hour on Tuesday mornings, 10:30 a.m.; Knitters on Tuesday evenings at 6 p.m.; Lego Club on the second Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m.; Mahjongg on the first, third, and fifth Wednesdays of each month at 6 p.m.; plus Tweens and Teens Craft Night on the third Thursday of the month at 6 p.m.

For the most up-to-date library news, be sure to "Like" the library on Facebook or check out the library's website which also has a link to our ever-expanding e-book collection. Even when the library's doors are closed, one can check out an e-book.

The library was recently awarded a Libri Foundation Grant tripling money contributed locally. More than \$1,000 worth of children's books have been purchased. What child doesn't deserve to read a beautiful, clean, new book? Childhood reading memories are always good memories!

The sixth annual Casino Night fundraiser will



be held Sat., March 8 at the Schuylkill Country Club from 7:30 to 11 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at the library.

Monetary donations from Orwigsburg and surrounding community residents are critical to the operation of the library. The annual fund drive letters soliciting donations are mailed in June of each year, but funds are needed throughout the year. Won't you consider making a personal donation to continue the library services.

Memorial book donations are also a popular way to honor the memory of a friend or loved one. Library staff can assist in finding just the right book donation ... something featuring a hobby or enjoyment of the person you want to remember.

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Community Memorial Hall Improvements

The Orwigsburg Veterans Memorial Development Taskforce continues to raise funds and oversee the renovations of Community Memorial Hall. The most recent construction includes improvements to the kitchen and the large conference room.

The kitchen upgrades included a new serving counter and roll up serving window. These upgrades make the kitchen functional for small concessions. During a later phase, the kitchen will become a full service kitchen.

The large conference room was framed and dry walled to create the new meeting space. Since the renovation efforts are now being focused on the exterior of the building, the new ceiling and overhead lighting in the conference room will be completed when the exterior wall and windows renovations are complete.

Through a \$153,000 grant from the state Department of Community and Economic Development, we are able to install a new metal roof and insulation system. Since this roof will extend beyond the main roof it will eliminate the various leaks that have plagued the existing flat roof over the kitchen and entryway (ticket booth area). Also it will minimize the need for exterior façade improvements while enhancing the curb appeal.

In December 2013, we learned the Commonwealth Financing Authority approved a grant of \$200,000. In July 2013, the taskforce made a commitment to provide matching funds needed to submit the grant

application. The combination of these funds will be used for exterior improvements, such as the exterior finish, the doors and the windows. These exterior improvements are expected to take place in the spring and summer of 2014. Fund raising continues and exciting events have already been scheduled for 2014.

Wrestling returned to the Memorial on January 11 for its second event as a fundraiser for the Memorial. Local wrestler "Snitsky" again appeared and put on a fantastic show. Keep watching for a possible summer wrestling match.

"Derby Day" will return on Saturday, July 19. All ages will find something to enjoy that day. In the morning, a Home Run Derby event, for all ages, will take place on the Little League field. That evening, a "Kentucky Derby" themed semi-formal event will take place at the Schuylkill County Club. The Memorial 5K will again be held in conjunction with Heritage Day on September 6.

Any time is a good time to become a "300 Club" member. Those wanting to see the renovations of Community Memorial Hall become a reality commit to make a \$1,000 contribution over three years ... \$333 annually or less than \$1 per day. Information can be found on the taskforce website at www.orwigsburg-memorial.org. You can also follow us on Facebook.

With your continued support the Orwigsburg Veteran's Memorial project will continue to move forward. This project provides a facility to better serve our community while honoring our veterans.

– Greg Stewart, Taskforce President

Team Orwigsburg

Your local faith-based group, Team Orwigsburg, wishes everyone a healthy and prosperous 2014.

Team members will leave for their annual mission trip to Crisfield, MD on March 9 and return March 15. Twenty-five members will help "heal hearts and homes" there from the ravages of Hurricane Sandy two years ago. There are still many blue tarps covering roofs and homes, so the work still awaits. This will be the team's 10th mission trip with members always returning with humble hearts and happiness to have been able to serve and help those who are unable to help themselves.

The community is invited to attend a special "sending service" to be held Monday, March 3 at Salem United Methodist Church. Prayers will be offered for the travel team and those on the support team who are not traveling.

Locally Team Orwigsburg's mission work continues in Schuylkill County throughout the year. New members are needed. All are encouraged to learn more by attending a regular monthly meeting always held the first Monday of each month beginning at 7 p.m. at Salem Church, S. Liberty St. Particular skills are not necessary, but desire to help others is. The work can be taught.

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State Senator David G. Argall

Grant, Donations Help Renovate Memorial Hall

Since 1950, Community Memorial Hall has stood as one of the area's most iconic landmarks and a lasting reminder of the contributions of the men and women who have served our nation in the military.

I recently joined state Rep. Jerry Knowles and local officials in Orwigsburg to announce a \$200,000 grant to finance several much-needed upgrades to the facility and restore this prominent part of our local community.



**SENATOR
DAVID ARGALL**

The grant, which was made as part of the Greenways, Trails and Recreation Program of the Commonwealth Financing Authority, will allow for a number of outdoor and structural renovations, including the installation of new fixed-pane insulated windows, doors, masonry improvements and insulation.

These upgrades come on the heels of many other renovations to the facility over the past several years, including improvements to the electric and plumbing systems.

While the \$200,000 grant will go a long way toward making the necessary improvements, it is important to note that local donors made the project

possible by raising more than \$280,000 for renovations. State assistance is an important component of such an extensive rehabilitation project, but government funding can only go so far; the generous support of community members is what ultimately makes these goals a reality.

Community residents, donors, borough officials, volunteers and members of the Orwigsburg Veterans' Memorial Development Task Force deserve a great deal of credit for giving their time and effort to this project. Through their selfless efforts, we can be confident that Community Memorial Hall will continue to serve as a point of local pride for generations to come.

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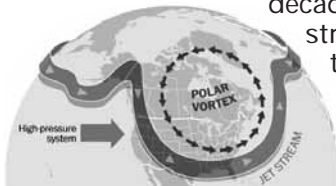
From the Desk of the Fire Chief . . .

Polar Vortex?

In the fire service, we pay a lot of attention to the local weather forecast because the weather conditions often affect how busy we will be and to what type of emergencies we can expect to be called. It always seems that the biggest problems happen in the worst weather.

Over the years the members of the Orwigsburg Fire Department have spent a lot of time outdoors in cold weather and thought we had seen most of what Mother Nature had to send our way ... until the Polar Vortex arrived! Got to admit, this was a new one on me. After extensive and thorough research on the Internet, I've arrived at the conclusion that "Polar Vortex" is weatherman-speak for "really, really, really cold."

All kidding aside, the weather so far this winter has broken low temperature records that were decades old and, coupled with strong winds, has produced temperatures in the minus 30s that are dangerous in the extreme. Hypothermia and frostbite are very real possibilities with only brief exposure to these extreme conditions. It sounds like there is more cold weather to come in the weeks ahead, so let's take a brief look at these serious cold weather problems.



Hypothermia

Hypothermia occurs when the body cannot produce heat as fast as it is losing it. As the body's temperature decreases, the person will begin to shiver. As the condition worsens and the body temperature continues to fall, the person will appear confused, exhausted and drowsy. Speech will become slurred and they will have difficulty performing tasks that require fine manual dexterity such as buttoning or zipping a jacket.

If you suspect hypothermia, summon assistance and take steps to warm the victim. If the body temperature has fallen below 95 degrees, the victim needs medical attention immediately. While waiting for help to arrive, move the person into the warm shelter of a building or automobile. Remove any wet clothing and warm the victim with layers of blankets or dry clothing. Warm beverages can be used to add warmth, but do not give the victim alcoholic drinks. Get the victim to medical attention as quickly as possible.

Frostbite

Frostbite occurs when skin and underlying soft tissue freeze as a result of exposure to extreme cold temperatures. The areas of the body most at risk for frostbite are the nose, ears, fingers, toes, cheeks and chin. The risk of frostbite is higher in people with poor circulation such as the elderly. Frostbite produces a loss of feeling in the affected area and the exposed skin will appear white or a yellowish gray and will feel firm or waxy. Due to numbness from the cold, the victim will often be unaware of the extent of the damage.



Protect the area from further exposure. Get the victim to a warm shelter and do not rub or massage the affected area. Don't walk on frostbitten feet if possible, as this may cause further damage to the tissues. Seek medical attention immediately. Since both frostbite and hypothermia occur from exposure to severe cold, check the victim for signs of hypothermia.

Cold weather safety

If you must venture outdoors under extreme cold weather conditions, it is important to dress properly. Wear several layers of warm, light weight clothing. The air space between the layers acts as insulation to help retain body heat. The outer layer should be wind and water resistant. Always wear a hat, since up to 40% of the heat being lost from your body will be lost from your head.

Cover your mouth with a scarf or mask to protect your lungs by warming the air you are inhaling. Mittens are better than gloves for protecting your hands because the warmth is shared by the fingers in mittens. Try to stay dry and out of the wind.

Remember to check on your neighbors, especially the elderly who may need some assistance during severe weather conditions. Small children should not be outdoors in extreme cold temperatures; but, if they must venture outside, keep a close eye on them and minimize the time that they are exposed to the cold.

– Dave Hardinger, Fire Chief

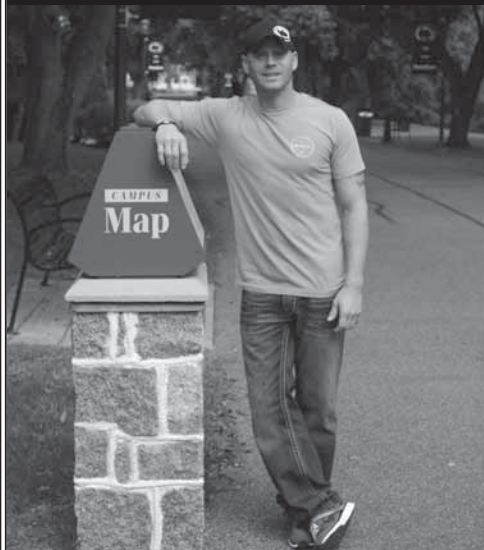


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St. John's United Church of Christ

"Traditional Worship for Contemporary Souls" is the centering statement describing St. John's United Church of Christ, East Market Street, to all those seeking a church home.



Enjoy the 1907 Akron-style sanctuary with pipe organ and choir, as members and visitors worship the living God with enthusiasm and then go out into the world prepared to serve in Christ's name. Worship is sometimes a quiet and meditative time

away from the daily grind. Other times, like Youth Sundays, Jazz Sunday, or Holy Humor Sunday, worship is lively as the movement of the spirit energizes and encourages us.

A community crab cake dinner will be held on Saturday, Feb. 22 from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Center next door to the church. Call for ticket reservations at (570) 366-2255.

The church building also houses the Orwigsburg

Area Food Pantry, receiving assistance from a wide range of local churches, businesses, farmers and non-profit organizations. Once per month boxes of food staples and fresh foods are distributed to more than 100 southern Schuylkill County residents.

A health ministry, led by Kay Jones, offers flu shot clinics, blood drives, good nutrition and other healthy habits workshops for the church and the wider community, including our food pantry guests.

St. John's, as many other area churches, helps sponsor Team Orwigsburg, a local faith-based mission team. The community is invited to attend a fundraising breakfast for the team on Saturday, Feb. 15 in the Fellowship Hall.

The next blood drive will be February 27 from 2 to 7 p.m. at the Fellowship Center.

St. John's connects with various congregations in other ways as well, sharing in the community Thanksgiving service, providing children's Christmas crafts for the town Christmas Festival of Lights and joining Salem United Methodist church for Lenten fellowship in soup suppers and worship services, and an ecumenical community Good Friday service. Vacation Bible School is a joint project of St. John's and St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

A recently formed "growth and new members ministry" helps integrate newcomers by pairing them with more established members who invite and include them in the life of the church, identifying their gifts and the opportunities available to share those gifts. A multi-generational church, faithful elders are honored, children encouraged, and youth away at college or in the military are remembered.

St. John's UCC has been in existence for 182 years, but it's thinking is now! More information is available on the church's website, stjohnorwigsburg.org.

St. Paul's Lutheran

Located at 215 North Warren St. in Orwigsburg, St. Paul's Lutheran Church welcomes all to worship and to be part of the church family. The church office is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and can be reached by calling (570) 366-2316. Additional information can be obtained on the church website www.stpaulsorwigsburg.org.

The minister of music is Beverly Eiche Kriner. Sunday worship services are held at both 8 a.m. and



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10:30 a.m. with Sunday school at 9:15 a.m. Holy Communion is celebrated each Sunday. The church is handicapped accessible.

Since the retirement of Pastor Scholtes, weekly supply pastors will be conducting services.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church features a monthly concert series from September through May. The concerts are free and the public is encouraged to enjoy these musical offerings. No tickets or registration is needed. A free-will collection is taken to help fund each and future concerts.



Upcoming concerts will feature a Valentine's Serenade on Sunday, Feb. 16 beginning at 4 p.m. On Sunday, March 9, Schuylkill County native and New York City cabaret singer Corinna Sowers Adler will perform at 4 p.m. The St. Paul's Handbell Choirs will be featured on Sunday, April 27 beginning at 4 p.m. and a patriotic concert for Memorial Day will be

presented on Sunday, May 25 at 7 p.m.

Midweek Lenten services begin on Ash Wednesday, March 5 and continue each Wednesday through Holy Wednesday, April 16. During this time, soup suppers will be offered at 6 p.m. with a worship service following at 7 p.m.

Holy Communion and the imposition of ashes will be offered on Ash Wednesday. Sunday of the passion – Palm Sunday – will be celebrated on April 13 with Holy Communion at both the 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. services. Maundy Thursday, April 17, will include a service of Holy Communion at 7 p.m. followed the next day with a 7 p.m. Tenebrae service on Good Friday. Orwigsburg's community Good Friday service is yet to be finalized. Easter Sunday, April 20, will start with a sunrise service at 7 a.m. and another at 10:30 a.m.

Women of the ELCA focus on the continuing of God's work through Christian learning, action and community awareness. The women have Bible studies, informative speakers and projects with all programs

open to women of St. Paul's and guests. On Tuesday, April 8 the program will be "Women of the Bible" presented by Shirley Dull. On Tuesday, May 13, a poetry reading celebrating "Spring Fling" will be offered by Jackie Runkle.

Kimmels Church



Everybody has questions ... and many of those questions are about God! You probably have a few, yourself. If you could ask those questions throughout the world, you would probably get a world of answers, with each person thinking he/she has secret insight. But, their answers are based on their own priorities, their experiences, or their presuppositions about life.

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Maundy Thurs., April 17 – 7 p.m.

Good Friday, April 18 – Tenebrae Service – 7 p.m.

Easter Sunday, April 20 – 7 and 10:30 a.m.

CONCERT SERIES CONTINUES

Sun., Feb. 16 – 4 p.m. A Valentine's Serenade

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Sun., April 27 – 4 p.m. St. Paul's Handbell Choirs

Sun., May 25 – 7 p.m. Memorial Day

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sense in the answers we receive?

At Kimmels Church we do not count on man's answers, or their opinions; but rather go straight to the unchanging truth of God's word.

The current sermon series that will continue through Easter – "The God Questions" – searches God's word (the Bible) for answers to questions like "Does God even exist?" "How can a good God allow suffering?" "Who is Jesus?" and "Do all religions lead to God?"

Are you searching for real answers? Join us for this series and begin the New Year with truth to experience real life in a changing world. If you can't make a Sunday morning, watch them on our website.

Kimmels Church coordinates other community events, such as the Deer Hunter's Banquet, March 1 at 6 p.m. at the Landingville Fire Company social hall; Easter egg hunt, April 13 beginning 3 p.m. at the church; a Good Friday church service at 6:30 p.m. on April 18; an Easter sunrise service at 6 a.m. on April 20; and the teen 30 Hour Famine experience, partnering with five area churches, in May.

Salem UMC

Salem United Methodist Church, where Liberty meets Independence, offers three unique worship services (see advertisement). We have many small groups that meet throughout the week, Sunday School at 10



a.m. for all ages, children's church at 10:45 for youngsters in grades one through five, and a nursery available at 10 and 10:45 for children ages infant through five years old.

Our next community spaghetti dinner will be held Saturday, Feb. 22 from 4 to 7 p.m.

Dine inside or takeouts will be available, all for a free-will offering.

The season of Lent starts on March 5. Wednesday services will alternate between Salem Church and St. John's UCC. The Ash Wednesday service on March 5 will be held at St. John's. On March 12, the service will be at Salem Church and so on. Each week a soup and sandwich supper will be held at 6 p.m. followed by a worship service at 7 p.m.

Our very own God Squad, will perform Sun., March 9 at both morning worship times. Join us as the bells ring in the Lenten season. A new sermon series entitled "Transformed: How God Changes Us" will progress each week, starting Sunday, March 2 and you are invited each week. The first will focus on spiritual health. Come home to God at Salem Church and feel what it is like to belong to our spiritual family.

A new weekly confirmation class begins on Ash Wednesday and concludes November 24. E-mail PastorLou@SalemUM.com or call (570) 366-0201 to begin this process.

Easter Sunday will be celebrated April 20 with a sunrise worship service at 6:15 a.m. followed by breakfast in the social hall. Worship continues with a traditional service at 8:45 and a contemporary service at 10:45. Salem's Coffeehouse Experience is held every Sunday night beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Salem's God Squad will treat all females to celebrate Mother's Day on May 11 at both morning worship times with sounds of bells ringing and praising our Lord. All members of the community are invited.

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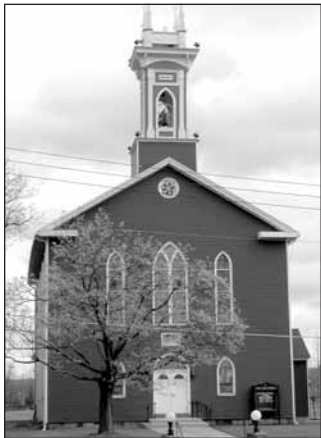
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Zions Red Church

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome at Zion's Red Church, 1287 Centre Turnpike, Orwigsburg. Zion's offers a traditional style of worship with a creative interactive flair. A warm and welcoming congregation, the present day church is a union of Evangelical Lutheran and United Church of Christ denominations.



Come as you are. Sunday worship is held at 10:30 a.m. preceded by adult Bible study and Sunday school at 9:15. Creative, interactive elements are a part of worship focusing on weekly scripture readings. Members will also present children's messages or share their faith story, how God has

made a difference in their lives.

Mid-week Lenten services are casual and begin on Ash Wednesday, March 5 at 7:30 p.m. with casual communion, healing prayer, and the imposition of ashes. Regular Wednesday 7:30 p.m. services this year during Lent will continue through April 9 with a focused study of Philipians.

Maundy Thursday will be celebrated with a 7:30 p.m. communion service on April 17. A Good Friday Tenebrae service will be held the following day at the same time. Easter Sunday's Holy Communion service will begin at 10:30 a.m., April 20.

The Zion's Prayer Circle meets at the church for contemplative, active prayer and intercession for members and friends. Upcoming Wednesday meetings will be on February 19, April 23, May 14, and May 28 – all begin at 5:30 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous meets every Wednesday at 7 p.m.

Later this year Zion's Red Church will have its summer motorcycle blessing and before the new school year, a backpack blessing. A White Elephant rummage and bake sale is held in June each year. Vacation Bible school will be held over four Tuesdays in July for children and adults with "Filling Your Bucket," a unique teaching of friendships and kindness.

Red Church is in the midst of an intensive spiritual renewal and discerning of its vision and mission of service. Come for the coffee and stay for the friendship and spiritual refreshment as we seek God's desire for us individually, as a church body, and our place of service in the community. Get in on the ground floor as we move forward in service and mission. All are welcome.

For more details and information on these services and our grove rentals, visit our website: www.zionsredchurch.org or call (570) 366-1178.



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